



MEET IN FAR OFF NEW GUINEA. . . Machinist Mate 1/c Cecil W. Brown, Lomita, met WAC Pvt. Eleanor B. True, Venice, his niece, at a WAC camp at a New Guinea forward area, according to word received from the government. The meeting, the first in many months, came about when Brown came into port and found his niece's APO in the immediate vicinity.

## CITY SALES TAX SUGGESTED FOR STUDY BY TORRANCE TO RAISE POSTWAR FUNDS

A sales tax, amusement tax and a comprehensive upward revision of the business license tax ordinance in Torrance, to finance a postwar improvement program, has been suggested for study by the City Council by Councilman James E. Hitchcock. While not endorsing the idea, the councilman explained that he thought the city council of Torrance should "look ahead" and give some consideration to the problems which might confront the community after the close of hostilities throughout the world.

He said that San Bernardino already has adopted such a program, divided into three classifications as follows:

1. A one percent city sales tax to be levied under the general rules and regulations of the state sales tax during the year 1945. Effective on Jan. 1, 1945, it is estimated it will raise \$400,000.

2. An amusement tax generally based at three cents per admission for all theaters, motion picture houses, athletic games, boxing and wrestling matches, circuses, rodeos, public dances, ice or roller skating rinks, museums and show shows. This is to raise an estimated \$100,000 a year and is a permanent tax feature.

3. A three-quarter mill tax on general merchants, a half mill tax on food merchants, a one-quarter mill tax on wholesalers and manufacturers, and a general upward adjustment in other miscellaneous license tax rates. This is to raise about \$200,000 a year, it is estimated.

San Bernardino officials said that there was not a single protestant to the program, and that important projects for the expenditure of the money so raised include:

Sewers and a water reservoir, public buildings including hall of justice, public toilets, fire stations, library building, cross-town drains, airport site, water mains, a plunge, colored center, youths' center, street widening, pedestrian underpasses, vehicle and pedestrian underpasses.

To date, plans call for expenditure of about \$2,800,000, it was said.

## Five New Oil Derricks for Torrance Field

Permits for five new steel oil derricks in the Torrance area field were issued by the city building department during the past week.

Howard C. Black, of Redondo Beach, secured the permits to construct the derricks for Le-Boy & McNeer, Torrance operators, at 4211, 4401, 4601, 4613 and 4829 Huntington st. Each permit was for \$5,000, and the derricks will be constructed on the Dominguez Estates lease.

Two other permits were issued during the past week, one to Wilson O. Wade, 1339 El Prado, for a \$250 repair job, and the other to Earl M. Gipe, 24431 Hawthorne blvd., for a \$400 garage.

## Albert Goodman Is Bound Over to Superior Court

Albert Goodman Tuesday was bound over to Superior court on charges of burglary growing out of his alleged entry into the Union Cafe, in Torrance, recently. He is being held in the county jail in lieu of \$1000 bail fixed by City Judge Otto B. Willett. J. Sullivan is serving a 9-day jail sentence in the city jail on his third recent charge of intoxication. He was sentenced to pay \$40 or serve the term, and took the jail sentence.

## Navy Project In Torrance to Cost \$1,800,000

The U. S. Navy material redistribution and disposal center to be built in Torrance is among the several projects to cost a total of \$44,000,000 which the Navy has announced for the harbor district, according to an announcement of Capt. H. E. Wilson, Navy public works officer at the Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island.

The Torrance project, to be constructed on an area south of Carson st. and east of Crenshaw blvd., will cost a total of \$1,800,000, and it will involve construction of several huge warehouse buildings, numerous railroad spurs, administration building, a cafeteria, and other improvements. It will be in use for at least five years after the war, it was said.

Included in the work already under way, costing about \$17,000,000, are a mole-tide breakwater on the seaward side of Roosevelt base, a pier at the Naval dry docks, pier extensions, a four-story reinforced storage warehouse, and other improvements.

Also planned, in the harbor district, are a \$14,000,000 access roadway and bridge across Cerros channel from the mainland to Terminal Island, a permanent naval supply depot at San Pedro, a housing project in San Pedro, additions to the Long Beach Naval hospital, and other additions.

Surveys have been completed of the Torrance site for the redistribution and disposal center, and it is anticipated that work soon will actually start on the structure.

## Sailor 'Rolled'; Child, Parents Facing Charges

One 11-year-old Torrance boy is in the technical custody of Juvenile court, and the parents are being investigated for possible child neglect charges, as a result of the "rolling" of a sailor in a Torrance park by the child last Saturday morning.

The boy, a boot-black, had slipped the shoes of the sailor, a Torrance man home on leave, and noticed that the sailor was intoxicated, according to records. He reached in the sailor's pockets and extracted some money.

A passerby noticed the event, and held the boy for police who recovered the money.

The sailor said that he did not want to press charges, but juvenile authorities held the boy and are investigating the home environment of the boy. Both the father and mother are working, it was pointed out, and they face the child neglect charges as a result of the affair.

## Local Officials Named on Harbor C. of C. Boards

Mayor William H. Tolson will serve on the highways committee and Fred Blake, superintendent of parks, will serve on parks, playgrounds and beaches committee of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, it was announced by H. B. Lewis, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce today.

In addition to these two new appointments, Philip Van Dyke, secretary of Longren Aircraft Company, will serve as chairman of the industrial relations committee. Van Dyke is treasurer of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the postwar planning committee of that group.

The appointments were confirmed by Pat McDonnell, newly-elected president of the Harbor group.

Many important matters pertaining to highways, parks, playgrounds and beaches will be brought before the next regular dinner meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce to be held in the Torrance civic auditorium, Wednesday, Feb. 7. Citizens who are interested in these matters are being urged to attend. The meeting will be open to the public.

## Five Reportable Disease Cases in This Area

A total of five reportable diseases were reported for Torrance, which is in the Torrance County Health District, for the week ended Jan. 6, according to a report today from H. O. Swartout, county health officer. Of the total, one was for gonorrhea, three for scarlet fever and one for syphilis. In the unincorporated area in the Torrance district, 12 cases were recorded. In Los Angeles County, including all municipalities, there were 1059 cases and one case of animal rabies.

## HARRY B. LEWIS NAMED AS CHAIRMAN OF RED CROSS DRIVE IN TORRANCE AREA

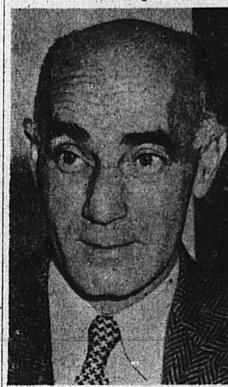
Paul K. Vost, chairman of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross 1945 fund campaign, has announced the appointment of Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, to serve as Torrance chairman this year. Chairman Lewis has appointed the following committee to serve with him:

Vice chairman: Mrs. Lola Hoover, headquarters division; Reed H. Parkin, secretary-treasurer of Doak Aircraft Company and president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, industry division; Mayor William H. Tolson, public employees division; Hillman R. Lee, manager J. G. Penney Company, commerce division; Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, rector St. Andrew's Episcopal church, geographic division; George L. Johnson, assistant manager Bank of America, special projects division; Philip Van Dyke, secretary Longren Aircraft Company, theater patrons division; Frank S. Selover, city editor Torrance Herald, publicity division.

"During wartime and the period immediately following, demands upon the Red Cross increase so materially that the local quotas must be raised in increasing amounts to insure continuation of services at home and abroad," Chairman Lewis said.

"The current year's drive will cover every industry, business and home within the Torrance area.

"We are assured of the co-



HARRY B. LEWIS Heads Red Cross Fund Drive

operation of volunteers and we are certain that Torrance will meet the quota to be assigned in the very near future."

## L.A. Schools Get Setback Before State Board as Five Areas Win Point

In a case similar in purpose to Torrance's school withdrawal fight against the Los Angeles City School District, but not a parallel one, the State Board of Education Friday approved a petition to call an election on the formation of a new district to be known as the Santa Clara Union High School District in Los Angeles County.

It would be composed of the Castaic, Newhall, Saugus, Mint Canyon and Sulphur Springs elementary school districts. Approximately 200 students who now attend San Fernando high school in the Los Angeles City School District would be enrolled in the new high school—to be built at Newhall.

Told a four-member delegation would request permission to form a separate high school district, the city board recently voted to ask the state board to hear the city school system's side of the question. It also designated to Supt. Vierling Kersey the job of mobilizing arguments in favor of his system's retaining the Newhall territory.

Kersey said he would wire Asst. Supt. Harry M. Howell, now in Sacramento, to ask the state board to set a time to hear the city school's stand. Apparently this request failed.

The four-member Newhall area delegation included L. C. Dalbey, principal of Newhall public elementary schools; Clifford Thyberg, principal of Saugus union schools; Paul Palmer, attorney and Newhall resident, and Mrs. Fay Gilmour, representing the Castaic Union School District.

Mrs. Evelyn Carr, chairman of Torrance Parents' Association, which is leading the fight for withdrawal of Torrance's high, junior high and elementary schools from Los Angeles city district, declared that while the case of the Newhall districts is not the same as that of Torrance, it "shows that it can be done."

Torrance wants to pull out of the Los Angeles system altogether for the purpose of providing better education and complete facilities for the children here, and for the purpose of having full control of all its tax moneys. At present Los Angeles takes approximately \$500,000 a year of funds which belong to Torrance schools, and spends about half of that amount in Torrance. The balance stays in Los Angeles city coffers.

Recover from Auto Accident

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Romine of 1628 W. 223rd st., and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Dineson of 710 Columbia Court, are convalescing from injuries suffered when they were involved in an automobile accident Saturday evening at the intersection of Avalon blvd., and Carson st., it is reported.

NEW STENOGRAPHER  
Phyllis McVicar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McVicar, is a new stenographer working in the office of the Torrance Service Center. A graduate of Torrance high school, she attended Compton Junior College, and worked a time at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation.

## Schools Group Studies Other District Cases

Torrance Parents' Association, preparing a campaign to withdraw the schools inside the city limits of Torrance from the Los Angeles city school system, are studying each and every move of other districts pulling away from Los Angeles, and will profit by the gains and losses in each case, according to Mrs. Evelyn Carr, chairman of the association.

The most parallel case discovered to date has been that of Beverly Hills, she said, where first the elementary schools withdrew and, because the schools gained so much for the children and the district under independent operation, the high schools later withdrew.

Data from the Beverly Hills campaign is being gathered for use in Torrance, she said, and the advice of those connected with the drive in the film community is to be utilized.

Culver City's move to eject Los Angeles from the half of its schools within the corporate limits of that community also is being watched with interest, and the data obtained will be used to advantage.

The case of Newhall, Saugus, Castaic and several other San Fernando valley districts in recently winning a case before the State Board of Education, permitting them to ballot on the formation of a new high school district, also is being studied.

Mrs. Carr said that she was not ready to announce the date and time of the next parents' association meeting, originally scheduled for Jan. 16, because the maze of legal data which has been discovered to support the association's drive for "Torrance Schools for Torrance Children" is taking considerably more time to prepare for presentation than at first anticipated.

Meanwhile more and more support is coming to the cause of giving Torrance children full benefit of every dollar raised for their education, instead of turning it over to Los Angeles to spend elsewhere, it was said.

Torrance children can have and will have the finest schools and educational opportunities obtainable under the new program, according to Mrs. Carr.

## Torrance Woman Suicide After Marital Trouble

Margaret Ellen Satterfield, 48, of 2487-C Torrance blvd., died Tuesday at 12:45 p. m. of gunshot wounds through the heart, after investigation by Torrance police is declared to have been a suicide.

Whether or not there will be an inquest had not been decided last night.

According to the police report, Mrs. Satterfield and her husband, Clyde B. Satterfield, state engineer, consolidated Steel Corp., shipyard in Wilmington, had separated last Friday night after differences. She called him at the shipyard Tuesday and asked him to come home and discuss some of their problems. This he did, the report states, and they were sitting at a table at about 11:45 a. m. when she jumped up and left the room. Satterfield said he heard a shot and went to the bathroom to find his wife slumped to the floor with a 22-calibre revolver in her hand. He called police, an ambulance and a doctor, and she was taken to Torrance Memorial Hospital where she died within a few minutes.

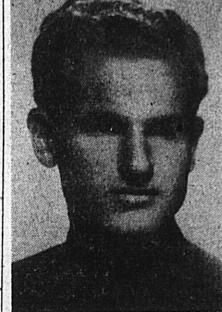
Police said that the only fingerprints to be found on the gun were those of Mrs. Satterfield, and that all evidence pointed to the fact that she committed suicide. There had been previous reports of trouble between the couple, it was said.

There are no other survivors, except Mrs. Satterfield's mother, Mrs. Emma Oswald, of Temple, Penn. Mrs. Satterfield was born in Altoona, Penn., July 19, 1896, and had resided in California four years, in Torrance about 10 months. Services will be conducted tomorrow in Stone & Myers chapel at 2 p. m., with the Rev. F. D. Mechling officiating. Interment will be in Pacific Crest.

AT BEACH CITY  
Mrs. Marion Trezise and Mrs. Jeanne Clayton were weekend guests at the Long Beach home of Mrs. Ray Smith, formerly of this city.

## WALTERIA COMMUNITY GROUP WILL CONSIDER FORMATION OF NEW WATER DISTRICT

Apparently taking a "hint" from Manager William Stanger, of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, quoted in the Torrance Herald of last week, Walteria Community Service Council has asked Nelson Taylor, well known expert on water system designs, to attend a meeting of the council and the Torrance City Council next Monday to discuss the formation of a municipal water system for Walteria.



DIES IN ACTION . . . S/Sgt. Chelsea B. Hamilton, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver B. Hamilton, 25821 Cayuga st., Lomita, was killed in action Nov. 24 on Leyte, according to word received from the War Department by his parents. Young Hamilton, who had lived in Lomita and Walteria for 19 years, was a graduate of the '39 class of Narbonne high school, and worked for Rubbercraft Corp., Torrance. He was awarded the Silver Star on Sept. 1 for "gallantry in action."

No action was forthcoming, and as late as the meeting of the City Council of Jan. 9, no definite information had been given the Walteria group on how to proceed to provide water for the community.

However, Manager Stanger, in an interview with the Torrance Herald, declared that the only procedure was to form a water district and float bonds to lay or buy pipe lines and either connect with the Metropolitan Water District pipe lines or acquire wells by purchase or drilling.

He pointed out that there is nothing Water District No. 1 can do except advise, as the district cannot be expanded, and all its development must be within the boundaries of the present district. Its money cannot be used to buy other systems, nor can any systems or districts be "annexed" to Water District No. 1, he declared.

With this information in hand, after failure of the council to give proper advice, the Walteria group has proceeded to make its own plans and preparations for the meeting Monday, and an election to form a municipal water district will be the main topic of discussion.

## Local Selective Service Board Reviews Files

Selective Service Board No. 280, like other local draft boards, working under instructions from the National Selective Service Headquarters, are reviewing the files of all registrants, according to a statement from Board No. 280 to the Torrance Herald. Signed by James G. Caldwell, secretary of Local Board No. 280, the statement said:

"Men now in non-essential industry will be reclassified. Job jumpers will be processed for induction. Registrants who leave the employment for which they were deferred, without first requesting a determination from their local board, will be reclassified for induction.

"The liberal occupational deferment provision for registrants over 26 years of age are tightened and these men may be called for induction.

"The demands for manpower are greater than ever before. Our fighting forces and our allies are calling for more materials of war and we must supply the essential needs of the civilian populations. Therefore men who are in war work or work that is in support of the war effort must stick to their jobs.

"More men will be called for our armed forces. The usual rights of appeal are still in effect.

"Our fighting forces, management and labor are doing a stupendous job and doing it well, but even this must be improved."

Under the national selective service policy, men are being selected for service in the following order:

1. Registrants not employed in any of the activities on the list of (essential activities);

(This evidently was a request to scour the registration lists for any lingering men in the desired age group who have not yet been called, before dipping into war industry.)

2. Registrants engaged in relatively unimportant jobs in the essential but not critical activities and registrants who may be replaced without difficulty;

3. Registrants engaged in relatively unimportant jobs in critical war programs, and registrants in such programs who may be replaced without difficulty;

4. Registrants engaged in relatively more important jobs in essential but not critical activities;

5. Registrants engaged in more important jobs in critical activities."

## 90-Day Veterans' Clause Explained

Provisions of the Selective Service Act which extended to 90 days the period in which a veteran may apply for reinstatement in his former civilian employment applies only if this 90-day period did not expire prior to the effective date, Dec. 8, 1944, according to a statement from James G. Caldwell, chairman, Local Veterans Service Committee representing the Selective Service Board No. 280.

It had been thought by some veterans that they could enjoy the privileges of the extension even though the 90 days had expired, but this is not true of those cases in which the period expired prior to Dec. 8, it was pointed out.